

REMARKS

Claims 2-68 were presented for examination. The Examiner withdrew claims 2-68 from examination as being directed to a non-elected invention.

Applicants thank the Examiner for her time in conducting a telephone interview on Aug. 12, 2005. Applicants believe that the time was spent effectively and significant progress was made. During the telephone interview, Applicants' attorney and the Examiner discussed the pending independent claims in relation to the original claim 1. Applicants argued that the pending independent claims were directed to the same invention as the original claim 1, since they contain similar limitations as the original claim 1. Agreement was reached that claims 2-23 and 46-68 were directed to the same invention and the Examiner agreed to reconsider these claims.

The Examiner further stated that she would have to think about whether claims 24-45 were also directed to the same invention. Applicants pointed out that the limitations in claim 24 are almost entirely analogous to those in claim 2 and urged the Examiner to also reconsider claims 24-45.

Accordingly, Applicants believe that the application is in condition for allowance of all pending claims herein, claims 2-68, and therefore an early Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that for any reason direct contact with Applicants' attorney would help advance the prosecution of this case to finality, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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